

ALASKA TRIBAL-STATE FORUM ON SAFETY AND JUSTICE

***Bristol Bay Region
November 8-9, 2007
Dillingham, Alaska***

REPORT



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Tribal-State Forum on Safety and Justice Agenda
Bingo Hall
Dillingham, Alaska
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THURSDAY

8:00-8:30 *Registration Breakfast*

8:30-9:00 *Welcome, Announcements and Introductions*

9:00-9:40 **Domestic Violence in Bristol Bay**

Ginger Baim, Executive Director, Safe and Fear Free Environment (SAFE) and Ocolena Micholie, Yu'pik Elder and Advocate

Break (5 minutes)

9:45 -10:25 **Domestic Violence in Bristol Bay (continued)**

Break (15 minutes)

10:40-11:20 **Domestic Violence: The Role of Law Enforcement and Mandatory Arrest**

Katie TePas, Program Coordinator, Alaska State Troopers

Break (5 minutes)

11:25 -12:15 **Civil Legal Remedies: Protective Orders, Divorce and Child Custody**

Kari Robinson, Director, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Legal Advocacy Project

12:15-1:15 *Lunch Discussion Groups –Justice in Community, Prevention, What About the Kids?*

1:15-2:05 **Legal Advocacy and Mandated Reporting**

Kari Robinson and Andrea Browning, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Legal Advocacy Project

Break (10 minutes)

2:15-3:00 **Practical Skills For Victim Advocacy and Safety Planning**

Patti Bland, Director of Training, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Christine King, Project Coordinator Center for Human Development, UAA

Break (10 minutes)

3:10-4:00 **Advocacy and Safety Planning (continued)**

Break (10 minutes)

4:10-5:00 **Advocacy for Survivors with Substance Use Issues**

Patti Bland, Director of Training, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

FRIDAY

8:15-8:30 *Registration Breakfast*

8:30-9:20 **State Domestic Violence Laws and Prosecutorial Decision-Making - Plead, Dismiss or Trial**
Susan Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney, Dillingham Office of the District Attorney

Break (10 minutes)

9:30-10:20 **Victims' Rights and Victim/Witness Paralegals**
Francie Clay, Victim/Witness Paralegal, Dillingham Office of the District Attorney

Break (10 minutes)

10:30- 11:20 **The Role of the Courts in Protection Orders and Sentencing**
Honorable Natalie Finn, Retired, Alaska Court System

Break (10 minutes)

11:30-12:15 **Alaska Native Justice and Domestic Violence**
Cheryl Facine, Legal Advocate and Mary Elam, Advocate Coordinator, Alaska Native Justice Center

12:15-1:15 *Lunch Discussion Groups –Justice in Community, Prevention, What About the Kids?*

1:15 – 2:00 **Tribal Jurisdictions and Tribal Courts**
Cheryl Facine, Legal Advocate and Mary Elam, Advocate Coordinator, Alaska Native Justice Center

Break (10 minutes)

2:10 -2:55 **Tribal Jurisdictions and Tribal Courts (continued)**

Break (10 minutes)

3:05-3:45 **Community Justice Alliance Panel**
Members of the Dillingham Community Justice Alliance

Break (5 minutes)

3:50-4:30 **Prevention Strategies**
Ginger Baim, Executive Director, Safe and Fear Free Environment (SAFE) and
Patti Bland, Director of Training, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

4:30 -4:45 **Evaluations**

4:45-5:15 **Closing**

Participants



Participants

Forty-nine (49) participants attended the two-day training held at the Bingo Hall in Dillingham. Twenty-five (25) of the participants live in Dillingham. Thirteen (13) of the trainees traveled to Dillingham from seven (7) regional villages. Lt. McDonald of the Alaska State Trooper Post in Bethel also participated in the Dillingham forum.

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| Goodnews Bay (2) | Pilot Point |
| Iliamna | Togiak (3) |
| New Stuyahok | |

Participants included:

Government agency staff (4)
OCS, Seniors

Law enforcement officers (1)

Health Professionals (10)
CHAP, PHN, RN, NP, Health Education

Tribal government/Tribal government agency staff (20)
Tribal Administrator, Tribal Clerk ICWA, Tribal TANF, Family Service Workers, Youth Activities Coordinator

Victim advocates (10)

Volunteers (1)

Other (3):
Child Advocacy Center Case Manager, Teachers Aide, Shelter Business Manager

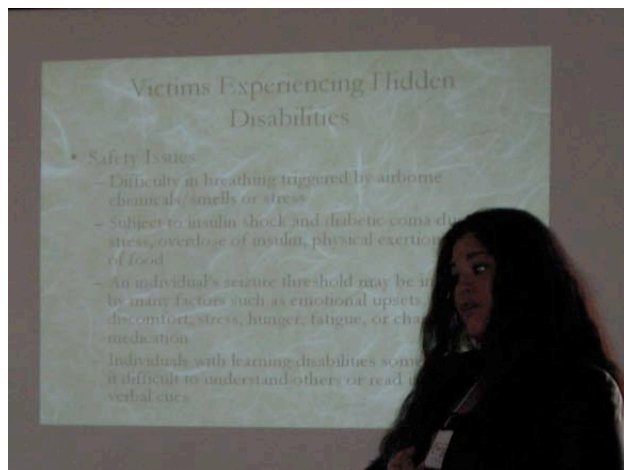
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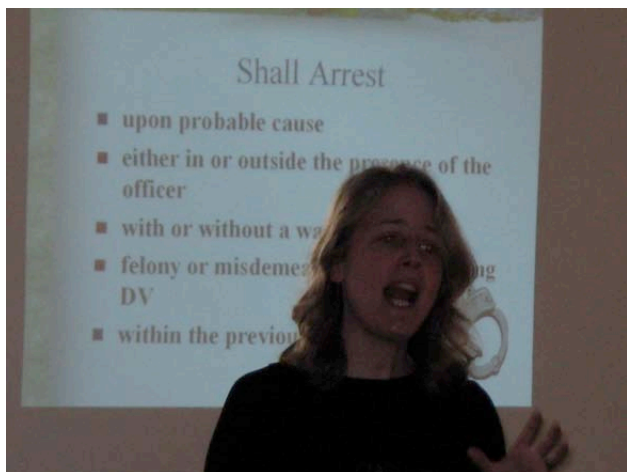
Ocalena Micholie (above left), Yup'ik Elder and advocate and Ginger Baim (above right), Executive Director of SAFE talk about domestic violence in Bristol Bay.



Survivors of domestic violence share their experience.



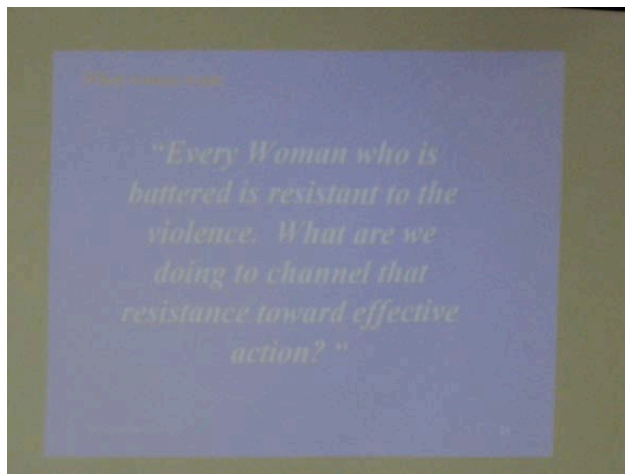
Patti Bland (above left) ANDVSA training director and Christine King (above right) Center for Human Development coordinator teach how to develop safety plans and advocate for victims including those with disabilities.



Katie TePas of the Alaska State Troopers explains Alaska's mandatory arrest law and the role of law enforcement.



Kari Robinson director of the ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project explains how domestic violence impacts child custody in civil cases. A game show format is used to test participant knowledge of legal definitions, domestic violence, protective orders and law enforcement terms.



By request Katie TePas explains Alaska's Sexual Assault laws during a working lunch.



Victim-Witness Paralegal Francie Clay (above left) and Assistant District Attorney Susan Mitchell (above right) explain what happens when a domestic violence case is referred for prosecution.



Retired District Court Judge, Natalie Finn (above left) explains the role of the court in criminal and civil cases involving domestic violence. Mary Elam of the Alaska Native Justice Center tells what tribes can do to help end violence in their communities.



The Community Justice Alliance Panel included the Dillingham district court judge, the magistrate, the prosecutor, the Office of Children's Services social worker and tribal judges.

Faculty and Staff

Fifteen (15) faculty and staff participated in or presented at the forum.

Ginger Baim, Safe and Fear Free Environment (SAFE), Executive Director

Patricia Bland, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Director of Training

Andrea Browning, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Legal Advocacy Project Coordinator

Frances Clay, Dillingham District Attorney's Office, Victim-Witness Paralegal

Mary Elam, Alaska Native Justice Center, Advocate Coordinator

Cheryl Facine, Alaska Native Justice Center, Legal Advocate

Honorable Natalie Finn, Alaska Court System, District Court Judge (Retired)

Sherrie Goll, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Project Coordinator

Jo Griggs, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Business Manager

Christine King, University of Alaska, Center for Human Development, Project Coordinator

Ocalena Micholie, Yu'pik Elder and Advocate

Susan Mitchell, Alaska Department of Law, Dillingham Assistant District Attorney

Kari Robinson Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Legal Advocacy Project Director

Cathy Satterfield, Department of Law, Statewide Victim-Witness Program Coordinator

Katie TePas, Alaska State Troopers, Program Coordinator

Training Content Areas

Domestic Violence and Victim Advocacy

Advocate response
Confidentiality and legal advocacy
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, services
Mandatory reporting requirements
Safety planning for victims/survivors
Sexual assault overview
Stalking overview

Justice System

Civil court procedures
Criminal court procedures
Decreasing dual arrests/ID of primary aggressor
Domestic violence statutes and codes
Law enforcement response
Judicial Response
Pro-arrest policies
Prosecution response
Protection orders (including full faith and credit)
Sexual assault statutes and codes
Stalking statutes and codes
Tribal jurisdiction and PL 280
Victims' Rights

Community Response

Prevention Strategies

Underserved Populations

Issues specific to victims/survivors who:

- live in rural areas
- are Alaska Natives
- have substance abuse or mental health problems
- are elderly or have a disability